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- I'd like to begin by thanking Minister Lee of Environmental Protection Administration Taiwan and Toxics & Chemical Substances Bureau Director-General Hsieh (*pronounced: She-yeh*) for inviting me here today.
- Administrator Pruitt was so pleased to receive EPA Taiwan Minister Lee in September to renew our bilateral agreement with American Institute in Taiwan. EPA's partnership with EPA Taiwan is among our most important international programs and we're pleased to participate in this year's Chemicals Management Conference.
- I'd also like to acknowledge our colleagues from American Chamber of Commerce Taiwan for helping to organize this event including AmCham President Ms. Andrea Wu and Mr. Kenny Jeng of Dupont and co-chair of AmCham's Sustainable Development Committee.
- I'm honored to join our distinguished partners and experts from Vietnam, Korea, European Union and other locations.
- Representing US EPA at this event is particularly meaningful today.
- US EPA and EPA Taiwan have been exchanging knowledge and sharing best-practices for nearly 25 years now. We started out in 1993 sharing knowledge bilaterally, implementing projects, and learning from one another.

- In 2014, we joined together to launch the International Environmental Partnership or IEP. We agreed that it was time to take the lessons we'd learned to catalyze more progress and environmental improvements in other locations in Asia and elsewhere around the globe.
- IEP has improved environmental protection in both the U.S. and Taiwan and is now impacting communities across the globe. It is the umbrella partnership which provides countries around the globe with the tools and knowledge they need to address challenges such as mercury monitoring, e-waste management, environmental education, environmental law enforcement, and air quality protection.
- I'm proud to report that our partnership extends to more than 50 countries and we look forward to continued cooperation as we rapidly approach the 25th year anniversary of our work together.
- We are really proud of what's been achieved and I'm please to build upon that work during today's conference.